

January 10 Minutes
Data, Research, and Evaluation Work Group

Next meeting: March 27 from 5-6, Rm 125 in Cannon Health Building

Present:

Teresa Brechlim, Violence & Injury Prevention, UDOH
Bill Stockdale, Informatics, UDOH
Ernie Volinn, Pain Research Center
Lynn Webster, Lifetree Clinical Research and Pain Clinic
Susannah Burt, Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health, UDHS
Erin Johnson, UDOH

Goals of Work Group:

Identify gaps in research
Identify what data exists
Identify whether existing data is sufficient
Identify whether existing data is available/accessible
Help determine direction of research to fulfill HB 137 requirements

Discussion:

Purpose of Work Group and whether we need to exist:

- Can help identify what data are available in various state systems and databases
- Referrals of funding sources (NIDA, AHRQ)
- Important collaboration with the different stakeholders
- Similar goals with other departments: to discover where, why, and how individuals are dying from prescription opioids.

Talking points for the update to the Advisory Committee:

- Present goals of Work Group

Future presentations:

- Susannah Burt on SPIF grant and work related to Prescription Opioids
- Bill Stockdale on his dissertation on the association between car accidents and Rx drug use

Presentations:

Dr. Lynn Webster presented on “Ending Prescription Medication Deaths in Utah: Finding Answers in Research.” His hand-outs are available under “other resources” on our website under the Data, Research, Evaluation Work Group.